

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-31 are amended. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in the claims as originally filed. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

I. Response to Restriction Requirement

In reply to the July 7, 2009 Restriction and Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 22-26, with traverse.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 22 recite that q in the claimed formula (I) is 2 or 3. However, nowhere does Chen disclose the use of more than one epoxy group. For example, the abstract and claim 1 of Chen disclose "an epoxy," col. 3, lines 7-11 of Chen disclose a formula for a prepolymer having a terminal epoxy group on each end, where "R and R' is an epoxy group..." (emphasis added), and the examples of Chen merely disclose the use of glycidol without any disclosure of additional epoxy groups. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Chen does not evidence a lack of unity of invention between the claims as amended.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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